

Response Under 37 CFR 1.116
Expedited Procedure
Examining Group: 2872



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

AMENDMENT "E"

APPLICANT: Finzel et al ✓
SERIAL NO.: 09/101,846 ✓ GROUP ART UNIT: 2872
DATE FILED: July 17, 1998 ✓ EXAMINER: J. Henry
INVENTION: "CABLE JOINT FOR OPTICAL FIBRES
WITH SPLICING CASSETTES AND
OVERLENGTH LOOPS"

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

S I R:

In response to the **Final Rejection** dated January 4, 2001 and for the Notice of Appeal of the Final Rejection filed June 7, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 73 to read as follows:

73. (Amended) Optical-fibre transmission system comprising a cable closure with a cable body for receiving optical-fibre cables having waveguides, splice organizers for the waveguides, and having excess-length depositories for the excess length of each waveguide, said closure body having cable lead-in units in the form of cable lead-in spigots being arranged to extend into the cable closure perpendicularly with respect to an axis of the closure body; the excess length of each optical waveguide and splice organizers being arranged within the closure body removably in an axial direction of the closure body, at least one end face of the closure body being closed off in a sealing manner by an externally accessible cover, each of the lead-in spigots being tightly fitted on the closure body, each of the optical-fibre cables being selected from an optical waveguide minicable and an optical waveguide microcable, respectively

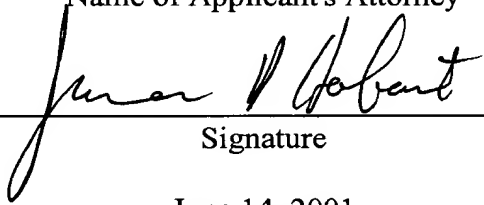
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